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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

REF: PORT MORESBY 1309

1. SUMMARY: OPPOSITION, HOPING INTENSE DEBATE,
PARTICULARLY OVER LEADERSHIP CODE, WILL CAUSE DEFECTIONS
FROM GOVERNMENT RANKS, REINTRODUCED MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE
DURING AUGUST 18 SESSION. LEADER OF UNITED PARTY TOLD
EMBOFF THAT, AS OF THAT DATE, OPPOSITION DID NOT HAVE
SUFFICIENT VOTES TO WIN. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER WITHDRAWING PREVIOUSLY TABLED MOTION OF
NO-CONFIDENCE (REFTEL), OPPOSITION REINTRODUCED NO-
CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST PRIME MINISTER ON AUGUST 18.
DEBATE DURING PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN ACERBIC, WITH
OPPOSITION ATTACKING GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES FROM IRIAN JAYA
POLICIES TO DOMESTIC MATTERS. IN WHAT MAY BE MOST
INTENSE CONFRONTATION IN SOME TIME, PARLIAMENT TAKES
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ON LEADERSHIP CODE AUGUST 21 WITH DEBATE LIKELY TO
CONSUMRE SEVERAL DAYS. NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE WILL TAKE
PRECEDENCE ON AUGUST 25, WHETHER LEADERSHIP CODE DEBATE
CONTINUES OR NOT.

3. EMBOFF MET WITH RAPHAEL DOA, LEADER OF OPPOSITION
UNITED PARTY, WHO ADMITTED THAT AS OF AUGUST 18

OPPOSITION DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VOTES TO TOPPLE SOMARE. THEY HOPING THAT PLAYING ON EMOTIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING IRIAN JAYA AND LEADERSHIP CODE, THEY WILL INDUCE DEFECTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT SIDE.

4. IN A PRELIMINARY TEST OF STRENGTH ON AUGUST 18, PARLIAMENT DEFEATED A VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN HOME MINISTER KAKARYA 49-31. MOTION HAD BEEN PRESENTED PREVIOUS DAY BY SIR TEI ABAL WHO ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

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